

ISSUE # 12 TERM 3, WEEK 2 1 August 2019



Message from the Principal......

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended on Tuesday evening to discuss their children's progress.

YEAR 10 COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION NIGHT

We invite parents of prospective 2020 Year 11 students to attend our information night next Monday at 6pm in the school library.

FEES AND CHARGES

The contribution that parents and carers make through payment of fees and charges is greatly appreciated as they are important in providing a quality education for your children. I strongly encourage you to pay any accounts for outstanding fees and charges that will be sent home shortly.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

We have begun planning our timetable and it is important that we have accurate student enrolment numbers to plan our class structures for next year. It is therefore critical that we are advised of any new enrolments as soon as possible. The Department of Education requires us to estimate our 2020 student numbers by 16 August. Our projected Student Centred Funding for next year will be based on this.

MY ROBOT

Our Pre-primary –Year 6 students enjoyed a wonderful Musica Viva performance on Wednesday. Tomorrow our Year 3 and Year ¾ classes will attend the My Robot performance at Cummins Theatre.

9-A-SIDE AFL

Nearly 70 of our secondary students will be representing Merredin College at the AFL carnival at Narembeen on Friday 9 August. Best wishes to all our girls and boys teams.

NEW IMMUNISATION AND ENROLMENT NFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

With the *Public Health Amendment (Immunisation Requirements for Enrolment) Act 2019* and the *School Education Regulations 2000* being passed on Friday 19 July, the following changes are effective immediately and relate to new enrolments from Term 3, 2019 and also enrolments being processed for the 2020 school year.

No Jab No Play – Kindergarten enrolment

 On enrolment in Kindergarten, a child must now have either:
 * an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement, no more than two months old with a Status of 'up to date'; or

Our PBS Values Focus

Each week the College will focus on aspects of our PBS expectations. The information will be provided to students on classroom doors. Parents are encouraged to support the College in promoting these values at home.

The PBS focuses for Week 3, Term 3 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are CARING in Learning Areas WE ARE CARING BY BEING ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTIVE OF EVERYONE

SECONDARY

We are CARING in Learning Areas

WE ARE CARING BY UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTING OTHERS DIFFERENCES

We are carinG, we are Respectful, we are Responsible, We strive to succeed!





* an AIR Immunisation History Form, no more than six months old, if the child is on a catch up schedule; or * a valid immunisation certificate issued or declared by the Chief Health Officer.

- where a child does not have an 'up to date' Immunisation History Statement, exemptions because of particular family circumstances may apply. These exemptions are approved by the principal.
- where a child enrolling has a Medicare number available it should be recorded at the time of enrolment.

Pre-primary to Year 12 enrolments

- as announced at the start of the year, the immunisation status of all children enrolling in the compulsory years of school (Preprimary to Year 12) must be recorded o no statement provided – record as 'not up to date' and leave the date and evidence field blank; or
 - * statement provided with a status of 'up to date' record as 'up to date' and date checked; or
 - * statement provided with a status of 'not up to date' record as 'not up to date' and date checked.
- new changes require that where a child enrolling in school (K-12) has a Medicare number available it should be recorded at the time of enrolment;
- the immunisation status of all students enrolling at a residential college must now be recorded.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

All students and staff across the school will celebrate NAIDOC Week for 2019 in Week 4. (12 August to 16 August), participating in a number of activities which have been planned collaboratively with local community members. Parents and community members are invited to attend these events as they occur for their children. Teachers will send out specific invitations for events that are relevant to the students in their class. We look forward to seeing many of our community members joining us in this special week. Please see the attached program of activities for NAIDOC Week

SECONDARY Link 🧿

YEAR 7/8 VOLLEYBALL SCRATCH MATCH DAY

On Sunday 4 August our Year 7 boys, Year 8 boys and Year 7/8 girls Volleyball teams will be travelling to Perth to challenge Aquinas, Gilmore College and Santa Maria in a day of scratch matches to prepare our players for the up-coming Schools Cup competition. The Schools Cup competition will also see our Year 9-12 teams competing against WA's top Volleyball specialist schools.

YEAR 10 COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION NIGHT-MONDAY 5 AUGUST

For all Year 10 parents there will be a parent and student information evening for Year 11 2020 subjects selections in the library from 6-7pm. There will be a presentation of subject requirements, prerequisites, WACE attainment and clarification of the ATAR, VET and now GENERAL pathways. This is a great opportunity to be able to ask questions, gain clarification and understanding of the educational pathway that your child will be setting out on for the next two years.

9 A SIDE FOOTBALL

On Friday 9 August the PE department are taking a large number of students from Year 7-10 to Narembeen for an AFL 9's competition. We wish them well.

REGIONAL LEARNING SPECIALIST (ATAR STUDENTS)

The Regional Learning Specialist (RLS) team was set up this year by the Department of Education to provide additional support for regional ATAR students, particularly those studying through SIDE. A couple of members of the team visited the school early in the year and met with SIDE students. All ATAR students have been given access to online support for the majority of their ATAR subjects. Many of the subjects also offer fortnightly online tutorials and it has been pleasing to see several students regularly participate in these interactive sessions.

This Thursday and Friday a couple of the members of the RSL team will be in the school working with our Year 11 and Year 12 Chemistry students and our Year 11 and Year 12 Mathematics Methods students.

HEADSPACE

Last term we advised that headspace will be coming to Merredin College to run sessions for our students in Yr 7, 8, 11 and 12 Let's Talk About It: Mental Health, there will also be a parent/guardian session run in the evening. This event can now be confirmed and will take place on Wednesday 14 August in

MERREDIN COLLEGE Phone: 08 9041 0900 Fax: 08 9041 2008



headspace in Schools

What the session will cover:

Information about mental health and wellbeing in adolescence

Skills & strategies to enhance

Strategies for you to support your young person and where to access professional support

your connection and communication with you people about mental heal

Please RSVP by 4pm Tuesday 13/8/2019

Name of parent Child's year level

To the school office on ph 9041 0900

Questions you would like answ

Contact details (email/ph

Supporting young people:

Notice Ask Connect

- Parent and Carer education session -

2019

Wednesday 14th August

There is no cost to attend this

le to secondary schoo /carers from Merredin

(not suitable fo /young people)

Merredin College

Time: 6pm—7:00pm

SECONDARY Link Cont'd

Week 4 of this term. There will be a parent/guardian session on the same day in the evening 6pm-7pm and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the evening session and RSVP by calling the College by 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 August.

STUDENT SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Unfortunately it is not always appropriate to use the PA to call children to Student Services. We like to minimise the use of the PA as it does interrupt every classroom in the school. It is also preferable to not use the PA at all during examinations and other special events happening in school.

Please be advised of the following process to ensure a quick and efficient student sign out process when collecting your child during the school day.

- 1. Arrange a time for your child to meet you at Student Services.
- 2. Send a note with your child so they can show their classroom teacher at the time they are required to leave the class to go to Student Services to sign out.
- 3. When signing out students will leave their permission note at Student Services and receive a 'Leave Pass'.
- 4. Students are required to sign back in at Student Services and collect a 'Late Note' to go back to their class.

ALL STUDENTS—MOBILE PHONE AND DEVICES POLICY

Students must comply with the mobile phone policy

If Students are seen in the possession of a mobile phone or electronic device, they are requested to put the device away. Students shall receive the verbal warning in all classes and circumstances.

1st Offence: Student is instructed to hand the device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and is locked in the safe. <u>The student collects the device at the end of the school day</u>

2nd Offence: Student is instructed to hand their device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and locked in the safe. Student Services staff will notify parents via telephone. <u>The parent must collect</u> the device from school. A letter will be sent home to inform parents that if the device is required to be handed in again, a suspension may follow.

3rd Offence: Student is instructed to hand their device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and is locked in the safe. The student's parents will be notified and the parents will also be sent an 'Intent to Suspend' letter. <u>The parent must collect</u> the device from school.

Loss of Good Standing

Student will lose their good standing for 2 weeks on their second offence. On the third offence students will lose their good standing for 3 weeks. When the student is suspended after the third offence they will lose Good Standing for 5 weeks in line with the Merredin College Good Standing Policy 8-12.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME—OPEN DAY Sunday 11 August, 10am-3pm

See how you can open your mind to the next big thing in careers when you future-proof yourself with critical thinking at Notre Dame's Open Day on Sunday 11 August in Freo's West End. Attend a lecture, meet students and academics, enjoy free delicious eats and live entertainment. Plan your day at <u>www.notredame.edu.au/events</u>







PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be the 'Merredin's Got Talent Assembly' and will be held on Thursday, 15 August at 9.00am in the primary covered assembly area. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students achievements. *Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)*

TWO DOGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Year 6s are fundraising for their Kalgoorlie school camp later this term and will be holding a sausage sizzle at Two Dogs Hardware on Saturday 10 August from 9.00am to 3.00pm. They will be selling Bacon and Egg Burgers (\$3.00) and Sausage Sizzles (\$2.50) so come and grab a bite to eat. Your support is much appreciated.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal) on behalf of the Year 6 Camp Fundraising Committee

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

We are getting a bit short of our second hand uniform supplies and are looking for donations from families. If you have items children have outgrown we would welcome them in the primary office. *Got a question about this? Ms Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)*

CANTEEN SPENDING

Please remind your child that the money they bring to school for canteen spending is for their personal use only. We have had a few children purchasing items for friends in recent weeks. **Got a question about this? Ms Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)**







IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

There are many opportunities for students to attend extracurricular activities at Merredin College. It is not a student's right to attend. Extracurricular activities are privileges which must be earned. Please refer to the table below for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities.

Year Group	School Uniform	Attendance	Good Standing (GS)	Penalty
All student leaders (Middle School Councillors and Year 11 Student Councillors)	Should be in school uniform as they are our role models	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	Loss of badge
2019 Year 8 Canberra students	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May be withdrawn from Canberra Camp
2020 Year 9 Canberra students (current Year 8's)	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be offered a place on the 2020 Canberra Camp
2019 Year 9 – 11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS in S2 2019, students must earn back by the end of this year. Cannot lose GS in 2020.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2020
2019 Year 12	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS in S2. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be allowed to attend the Year 12 Awards Night

Country Families @Ngala Free Online Support for Wheatbelt Families



Facebook Group - CountryFamilies@Ngala

(closed group – families need to search for it on Facebook and then request to join. NB you may not have permission to access this link on your work computer).

<u>Facebook Live</u> – hear the answers to your questions in real time, as the nurse talk about various topics. These will be advertised on our Facebook group, so watch this space!

Online - Live Chat: Operates 9am -11am, Monday to Friday

<u>Online Early Parenting Group</u> - Workshops (0 – 6 months) (via video conferencing): These workshops will be a combination of parenting information, Q & A and group discussion. Register <u>here</u>:

- Sleep and Feeding (0-3 months) 6th August, 2pm
- Becoming a Family (0-3 months) 13th August, 2pm
- Caring for your Newborn (0-3 months) 20th august 2019, 2pm

<u>Online Parenting Workshops</u> – (6 months – 8 years) (via video conferencing): Register <u>here</u>:

- Toddler Behaviour TBC
- Toileting TBC

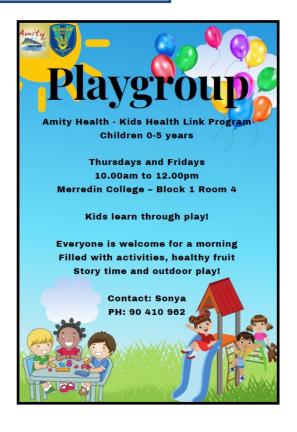
<u>Consults</u> – 1pm or 2pm or 3pm (FREE 30 minute consult, via video conferencing or telephone):

Register here:

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons
- Tuesday and other weekday mornings by arrangement.

If you have any queries, please contact us via email: CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au

Find our More at NGALA's Website HERE



Useful Links: Uniform Shop: http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/ uniform/

Canteen Menu: http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/ canteen/

Latest News & Events:

Save the Date: 1 AUGUST Maths Competition

2 AUGUST ion My Robot Excursion– Primary **4 AUGUST** Yr7/8 Volleyball Perth

5 AUGUST Yr 10 Course Selection Info Night

TERM 3 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
2	29	30 *Parent Teacher Inter- views 4-6pm *Canberra Camp Info Night-6.15pm	31 *Musica Viva-Primary <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	1 AUGUST *Maths Competition	2 *My Robot-Cummins Theatre-Primary	3	4 *Yr7/8 Volley Ball
3	5 *Yr10 Course Selection Info Night	6	7 Early Close 2.30pm	8 School Board Mtg5.30pm	9 *9 A-Side Football- Narembeen	10	11
4	12 NAIDOC WEEK SCIENCE WEEK P&C MEETING 6pm	13 *Barking Geeko- Incursion	14 Early Close 2.30pm	15 *Primary Assembly *Technology Showcase	16 *NAIDOC Commemoration Day *Assembly-VET Scholar- ships	17	18
5	19 *BOOK WEEK - Primary	20 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	21 Early Close 2.30pm	22	23 *Meckering XCountry *Yr11/12 Volleyball Schools Cup	24 *Yr11/ 12 Volley Ball	25



Colds and Flu

Colds and flu (influenza) are most common in the winter months. They are highly contagious and are spread by coughing, sneezing and touching.

Cold and Flu are two different illnesses caused by different viruses. Colds are caused by 200 different viruses. Symptoms include coughing, fever, sore throat, sneezing, and a blocked or runny nose.

The Flu is caused by a different group of viruses and it is much more severe. Common symptoms include fever, sore throat, tiredness and muscle aches.

Some ways to protect your children and family from colds and flus this winter include:

• Getting the influenza vaccination. Flu viruses circulating in the community continually change, and immunity for the vaccine does not last a long time so it is recommended you get vaccinated each year.

• Eating nutritious foods such as fruit and vegetables to boost their general health.

• Teaching your child how to wash their hands thoroughly and often. We should wash our hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

- Teaching your children to sneeze into their elbow instead of their hands.
- Only use tissues once and throw them away after they are used, then wash hands.

Keeping children away from people who are infected, and keep children away home from school if they show symptoms of a cold or flu.

Quick Tip

Although there is no treatment, getting plenty of rest, drinking plenty of water and eating healthy foods can help your immune system to fight the infection. If your child is not drinking enough fluids, try giving them small sips

of water, milk, juice or ice blocks to suck (for older children).

Recipe Link

Healthy Creamy Vegetable Soup: https://livelighter.com.au/Recipe/209/creamy-vegetable-soup





Children enrolling in pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten must be up to date with all the scheduled immunisations for their age to be able to attend school. You will need to show your child's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement as proof of immunisation.



IMMUNISATION SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD

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GET AN AIR IMMUNISATION HISTORY STATEMENT

You can get a copy of the statement at any time by:

logging into Medicare online via MyGov (my.gov.au)

using the Medicare Express Plus app

visiting a Medicare or Centrelink office, or

calling the AIR General Enquiries Line on 1800 653 809 to request an AIR Statement to be posted. It is important to keep your child's immunisation status 'up to date' at all times to provide the best protection against serious, life threatening vaccine-preventable diseases.



Free vaccinations are available from:

Central Immunisation Clinic. West Perth. Phone: 9321 1312, 8.30am-4.30pm weekdays

Your local immunisation provider. Contact your GP, community health centre, Aboriginal Medical Service

Your local public health unit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/publichealthunits

Need help accessing immunisation services?

If you need help to access immunisation services, fill out the attached consent form and return to your school. The school will pass your information on to the Department of Health who will contact you.

Request for support from the Department of Health

Please complete this form if you would like assistance in gaining access to local immunisation services. Your information will be given to the Department of Health and they will contact you.

Parent/carer full name:

I understand my child's information will be provided to the Department of Health.

I understand I will be contacted by the Department of Health to discuss my child's immunisation status.

Child's name:

Child's date of birth:

Child's Medicare number:

Parent Name:

Residential address:

Preferred contact details:	
Phone:	

Parent/carer signature:

Date:

Email:

School Use Only: Scan and send this form to immunisation@health.wa.gov.au Information forwarded to the Department of Health

Principal or delegate signature



- These activities will be displayed at the whole school assembly
- ✓ Resources marked with a tick are supplied by the school

Theme: Voice, Treaty, Truth			
Year Group	Activities	Resources	
К-6	Damper making with Jeno. Teachers to select an hour of time	 ✓ Jeno will supply all Flour etc 	
К-2	Indigenous games for lower Primary	Games pack with cards available from	
	Classes set up a games session with Jeno and other helpers.	Jeno.	
К-6	Art activity: Noongar Mural Each class will be given a 4m piece of fabric to use as the backdrop for their mural. Each class will also receive a set of Noongar words (in themes) to be included on the mural along with illustrations etc. Examples of themes are: seasons, animals, plants, colours, numbers etc.	 ✓ Mural background fabric ✓ Smaller sheets of fabric to be used on the mural ✓ Sets of themes 	
Year 1-2 Literacy	 Read an indigenous picture book to the class and ask children to draw a picture of one of the characters and then label the picture. Frame the picture with coloured card for display. 	Noongar words ✓ Jeno has a variety of new books available for use. A3 art paper ✓ coloured paper for framing	
Year 3-4 Literacy	 Read selected stories from the book titled "The girl from the Great Sandy Desert" Students choose to do one of the following: Construct a story map with illustrations 	(see Jeno) Indigenous text Teachers notes ✓ "The girl from the Great Sandy Desert"	
Year 5-6 Literacy	 "Our Race for Reconciliation" Students write a summary 	 ✓ Novel – read by teacher ✓ Teachers notes 	
К-б	 Assemblies: Welcome assembly: All classes will attend the Monday morning assembly to commence NAIDOC week. Middar Yok dancers will entertain the primary students during opening assembly. Ambrose McGrath will do Welcome to Country. Closing NAIDOC assembly – whole school assembly for the announcement of awards. Primary and secondary Aboriginal students will lead the assembly. Njaki Njaki dancers will 		

	perform at the closing ceremony. Kane Osborne will do Welcome to Country.	
К-10	NAIDOC Cup: Students in year 5 -7 can nominate to be in the NAIDOC Cup football teams. Students from year 5-7 will be involved in either playing, umpiring or in the half time entertainment. (ACRO or dancing/cheerleading.TBC) The game will be played Period 4 and 5 on Friday. Yongka(Kangaroos) Warlitj (Eagles)	 ✓ Picture book – "Marngrook" ✓ Winners trophy ✓ Team flags ✓ Shade shelters for teams ✓ Coaches/umpires ✓ NAIDOC Football jumpers
К-б	 Activity – "Voice, treaty, Truth" Teachers discuss the theme of NAIDOC and students watch the DVD titled "Growing up in the Desert Stories." Students to write a summary of one of the stories told on the DVD and illustrate 	 ✓ NAIDOC poster and freebies ✓ DVD – "Growing up in the Desert Stories"
K-10	 Art competition- prizes are awarded to best from each of the following categories: K- 2 (colouring in activity) Year 3 – 6, 7-10 The prize is a cultural excursion with Mick Hayden. This activity can be completed at home or as a classroom task. These will be displayed in the primary office. Criteria: To reflect the NAIDOC theme: "Voice, Treaty, Truth" Can be in any media No larger than A3 Must be named and class identified Hand in to Primary office by Thursday, 15th August. Winners to be announced at NAIDOC assembly on Friday. 	 ✓ Colouring in comp (based on the 2019 NAIDOC poster) will be handed out by Jeno asap.
K-10	Wednesday is Roo burger day – cooked by community members. Students will pre-order. There is no cost	 ✓ Burgers ✓ Lunch bags for orders will be given to students on Friday 9th August and will be due back at school by Tuesday 13th August
Year 8-10	Monday Lunchtime Basketball game with the Merredin Police – umpired by staff members. (1.30 -2pm)	Primary students can spectate this event after the first lunch siren. Jeno to supervise.
Community Members	An afternoon tea for all Community members will take place and will be catered by primary students who will cook Damper	 ✓ Damper ✓ Quondong Jam